

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** July 23, 2004

**LOCATION:** Indiana Government Center, Indianapolis

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)  
Melanie Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)  
Rodney Coats (General Public)  
Carol Sublett (Volunteer EMS)  
Michael Seaver (Emergency Nurses)  
Bill Hufford (Paramedics)  
Tim Davie (Municipal Fire)  
Myron Mackey (EMTs)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Doyle Yeager, MD (Emergency Physicians)  
Timothy R. Sandy (Volunteer Fire)  
Michael Olinger, MD (Trauma Physicians)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Garvey, Deputy Director  
Brad Gavin, Agency Counsel

### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodney Coats.

Deputy Director Mike Garvey introduced Myron Mackey, Bicknell, Indiana, as the commission member representing EMTs.

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Tim Davie offered a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by William Hufford. The motion passed.

## STAFF REPORTS:

### EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION REPORT

First Responders certified this date: .....7,425

Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:.....677  
Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:.....15,061  
Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:.....552

Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:.....35  
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:..... 1,325

Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date: .....72

Paramedics to be certified this date:.....64  
Paramedics currently certified: ..... 2,541  
Paramedics recertified this  
date:.....120

Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate to be certified this date:.....18  
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate currently certified:.....45  
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate recertified this date:..... 0

Temporary Certifications issued:  
EMT-B:.....6  
Advanced EMT:.....0  
Paramedic:..... 4

Drivers Certifications currently certified: .....1136

#### **EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT**

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport,  
Basic-Advanced, EMT-I, Paramedic  
Organization.....1

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport,  
EMT Basic-Advanced, Paramedic  
Organization.....  
5

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport,  
Paramedic Organization ..... 3

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced  
Organization .....1

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization.....	17
ALS Non-Transport Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization .....	14
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization.....	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization.....	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization.....	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization.....	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization .....	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization.....	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization .....	2
ALS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization.....	4
Ambulance Service Provider.....	113
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport .....	25
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization.....	2
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate	

Organization.....	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization .....	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization .....	3
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad .....	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization .....	4
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad .....	5
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization .....	25
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization .....	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization.....	3
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization .....	62
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Advanced-Basic Organization Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad ..	3
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization .....	25
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization,. Rescue Squad .....	1

Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rotocraft Air Ambulance .....	4
Ambulance Service Provider, Rescue Squad.....	2
BLS Non-Transport Organization.....	3
03	
BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization .....	1
BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad .....	95
Rescue Squad Organization.....	
.....	7
Rotocraft Air Ambulance.....	
.....	10
<b>Total Providers</b> .....	
<b>..752</b>	

## EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

EMS Vehicle Inspections:.....	
.....	245
Provider/Hospital Applications Processed:.....	
91	
EMS Provider Visits.....	
.....	74
EMS Provider Audits:.....	
.....	10

Hospital  
Visits:.....11  
.....11

Hospital  
Audits:.....00  
.....00

EMT Tests Proctored  
.....1  
6

Sherrie Crain, EMS Operations Director, reported the Provider Forums were attended by 153 personnel representing 104 provider organizations. Ms. Crain also reminded the audience to send information about EMS Week activities to Debbie Watson. Ms. Crain announced that the EMS Operations Division has hired Megan Wells as a secretary.

#### INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT of HEALTH TRAUMA SYSTEM/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TASKFORCE

The taskforce has applied for a grant to study trauma systems and is discussing the development of a statewide trauma plan. Deputy Director Garvey reported that it was too early in the process to guess what the outcome of the study may be.

#### EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson reported that he had two data collection programs left and that they have been spoken for. Mr. Nelson also reported that a listing of data collection program vendors is now on the agency website.

Gary Miller reported that there has been a drop in reporting compliance and openings exist on the Data Task Force.

#### EMS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ed O'Farrell reported that the committee has reviewed the 2002 DOT/NHTSA EMS Instructor Curriculum. The committee recommends the commission adopt the curriculum with the exception of the requirement for a secondary instructor. The Indiana approved curriculum allows the training institution to use subject matter experts to teach portions of the EMT course without a PI being physically present in the classroom.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept the recommendation of the education committee and adopt the DOT/NHTSA EMS Instructor Curriculum excluding the requirement for a secondary instructor. Second by Michael Seaver. The motion passed.

#### 2004 EMERGENCY RESPONSE CONFERENCE

Deputy Director Garvey reported that the conference brochures are in the mail.

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH

Deputy Director Garvey reported that he needs comments on the rule draft from the commission members within two weeks.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVISION

Robin Stump, EMS District Manager, reported that the new rules went into effect on July 11.

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

#### PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CASES

Agency Counsel, Brad Gavin presented a list of pending administrative cases. No action by the commission was required.

#### NONFINAL ORDER of the ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

Nonfinal Order of Dismissal

***Cause # 98-52, Robert Nowaczyk:***

Mr. Gavin reported that the Administrative Law Judge has issued an order to dismiss the cause due to the case exceeding the statute of limitations.

Mr. Davie offered a motion to accept the Order of Dismissal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hufford. The motion was approved on a voice vote of five for and two opposed. Voting “yes” were Mr. Coats, Melanie Jane Craigin, Mr. Davie, Mr. Hufford, and Carol Sublett. Voting “no” were Mr. Mackey and Mr. Seaver. Mr. Miller abstained.

Mr. Seaver stated for the record that the commission recognizes that the infraction listed in the initial complaint was, in their opinion, based in fact. Deputy Director Garvey reported that the commission can take additional action if Mr. Nowaczyk tries to recertify.

#### EMERGENCY ORDERS of SUSPENSION

The following Orders of Suspension have been renewed:

***Cause No. 03-07, Jay Michael Farlow, No. 9706***

***Order No. 06-2003, Elmo D. Molter, No.13417***

***Order No. 09-2003, Bruce A. Decamp, No. 46791***

## AGENCY ORDERS

The following Agency Orders have been issued:

***Order Cause No. 03-12***, Micky Wilkins, Paramedic No. 37366 - seven year revocation.

***Agency Order No. 06-2003***, Elmo Molter, Paramedic No. 13417\* - seven year revocation.

***Order No. 07-2003***, James Rosenau, Paramedic No. 17785 – seven year revocation.

***Order No. 07-2004***, Andrew Eshelman, EMT No. 41398 - one year probation.

***Order No. 08-2004***, Robert Bray, EMT, PI No. 8735 - one year probation.

***Agency Order No. 08-2004***, Scott Peek, EMT No. 55526 – seven year revocation.

## EMERGENCY ORDERS ISSUED

The following Orders of Emergency Suspension were issued:

***Order No. 11-2004***, James M. Joyce, EMT No. 54080

***Order No. 12-2004***, Christopher Nass, First Responder No. FR48316

***Order No. 13-2004***, Steven D. Doty, Paramedic No. 27591

***Order No. 14-2004***, Boyce Freese, Paramedic and PI No. 8217

## AGREED ORDER REGARDING DENIAL OF EMT CERTIFICATION

***Agreed Order No. 04-2004***, Jacquelyn Kistner – three year probationary certification.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve the agreed order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davie. The motion passed. Mr. Miller abstained.

## PROBATIONARY CERTIFICATIONS ISSUED

The following Probationary Certifications have been issued:

***Agency Order No. 09-2004***, Marty Hollar, EMT No. 57633



**Agency Order No. 10-2004**, Shawn Staley, EMT No. 57588

**Agency Order No. 15-2004**, Vincent Thomas, EMT No. 57656

### **CONSIDERATION for NON-RULE POLICY STATEMENT**

Mr. Miller reported to the commission that the Indiana Ambulance Association was concerned with the current definition of EMT Basic Advanced as a level of Basic life support and the listing of some advanced skills in the definition of Basic Life support. The concern is that the skills will be reimbursed at the basic rate causing additional financial loss the provider organizations. He presented a non-rule policy statement for the commission's consideration. The purpose of the Non-Rule Policy is to define the term "rhythm interpretation" as it is used in reference to the skills of the EMT Basic-Advanced.

"Rhythm interpretation, as that term is used in 836 IAC in reference to the skills of an EMT Basic-Advanced, means electrocardiogram interpretation specifically for the purpose of identifying cardiac rhythms requiring defibrillation."

Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the Non-Rule Policy Statement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seaver. The motion passed.

### **EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVER REQUESTS**

#### **WAIVER for PILOT PROGRAM to EVALUATE EFFICACY of BASIC EMT PERSONNEL PERFORMING BLOOD GLUCOSE TESTING.**

John Henderson, EMS Coordinator for Johnson County Memorial Hospital, offered a proposal to allow his organization to conduct a pilot study on allowing EMTs to test blood-glucose levels in patients with decreased levels of consciousness. The hospital would report its findings back to the commission for consideration of possible rule changes.

Mr. Miller responded that the commission wants input from the Indiana University School of Medicine before considering allowing such a study.

This item remains tabled pending additional information from the Indiana University School of Medicine.

### **PROVIDERS:**

*Clarian Health-Riley Hospital Neonate, Pediatric Specialty Transport Vehicles:*  
Requesting a waiver of requirement for hammer and wrecking bar, 836 IAC 1-3-4, splinting devices, 836 IAC 1-3-5, EMT in the patient compartment, 836 IAC 1-2-1(c ).

Staff's recommendation is to approve the waiver.

Mr. Miller voiced objection to waiving the requirement for the hammer and wrecking bar.

Ms. Sublett offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hufford. The motion passed. The waiver is approved.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR and CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Deputy Director Garvey reported that during May and June, 68 of the state's 92 counties were approved for disaster related assistance. He urged the audience to seek assistance now if their county experienced damage.

He also reminded provider organizations to contact their local EMA agency regarding funds from homeland security. As the Agency's Homeland Security Divisions becomes established, several job positions will become available.

#### **2004 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES**

Thursday, September 16 (annual conference)

Friday, November 19

Locations will be announced later.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**\* = amended information**